

Mr. Darren Gretler
Deputy Director
Department of Planning and Development Services
Advanced Planning
5510 Overland Avenue
San Diego, CA

Dear Mr. Gretler,

My name is Len Nielsen and I am a property owner at 6191 Alpine Blvd. in Alpine. My neighbors and I are not involved in planning issues. However, about a year ago, one of my neighbors heard that the Forest Conservation Initiative that had impacted our properties for so many years had been terminated. Finally! The County had come to Alpine to discuss changes, they said, and they had brought a map that called for my property and those of my near neighbors to the North and West to be changed to 1 acre minimum. That was fine with us. I didn't hear any more.

Now, I understand that map was somehow not the map passed by the Alpine Planning Group. That is hard to understand, since none of us out here opposed it, and why is it anyone else's business?

We understand that, under current groundwater restrictions, no one out here can divide their property to put a house on less than 5 acres anyway – no matter what the land reclassification is. It would take imported water being extended all the way out here for development to happen. However, looking to the future, we would like to have that option when water does come. We do not want our children to have to pay for some expensive “amendment” to make that happen.

Since I have been told that this is a time for comments to be made regarding the plan that was passed, I am registering my opposition, and that of my neighbors, to this change from the county's initial map showing 1 acre minimum - to the current map showing 1 house per 4 acres. We believe that since we are very close to an off ramp, and since right across the freeway from us is intensive casino development, that 4 acre minimum for the future is ridiculous.

Please rectify this error in judgment, apparently made by people who do not live in this neighborhood,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Leonard M. Nielsen".

Leonard Nielsen